



SOWING INNOVATION HARVESTING **PROSPERITY**



THE VISION

A thriving agricultural sector is key to the economic prosperity of African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) nations. CTA is promoting the transformation of agriculture into an attractive, modern and sustainable livelihood option for rural communities throughout the ACP. By supporting innovations in technology and sharing actionable knowledge, we strive to advance food and nutrition security, prosperity, climate resilience, youth employment and gender equality.

What we do

Data-assisted farming and drone surveillance are just two of the innovations that CTA is supporting to turn smallholder farms into profitable agribusinesses. Over the last three decades, CTA has forged decisive partnerships across the ACP, to fight poverty and hunger in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our long-term, inter-continental approach provides vital insights into sustainable agriculture and the most effective means to achieve impact at scale.



Our work

CTA focuses on youth entrepreneurship, digitalisation and climate-smart agriculture as key intervention areas for scaling development solutions. The empowerment of women is vital in our work. The revolution in information and communication technologies (ICT) over the last two decades has provided previously unimagined opportunities to boost agricultural productivity and build farmers' resilience to climate shocks. As the impacts of climate change build across ACP countries, the necessity for farmers to adopt climate-smart agricultural techniques to not only ensure food security, but also improve their livelihoods, cannot be overstated.

At the heart of agriculture's digitalisation and climate-smart transformation lie opportunities for youth employment. An empowered workforce starts with the engagement of youth and youth organisations.

At CTA we have learned how to empower and engage the ambitions of young people, particularly women, in both of these areas. Through our 'Pitch Agrihack' contests we have offered many young entrepreneurs a step-up to becoming the next generation agribusiness leaders driving much-needed change in the sector.

By bringing together diverse parties – from policymakers and private sector leaders to early-stage entrepreneurs and farmers' organisations – CTA provides a platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration between actors in Europe and across the ACP. The unique mix of partners that CTA works with has allowed the organisation to support the development of multi-faceted solutions and services, which respond to context-specific needs.



Impact of CTA's work includes:



250,000

Over 250,000 farmers and agents have been trained in use of ICT.



200,000

Over 200,000 smallholder farmers have been digitally profiled.



700

Over 700 young ICT entrepreneurs have been supported, 250 of whom come from start-up organisations.



1.2 MILLION

Over 1.2 million publications on agriculture are downloaded annually from CTA's web site.



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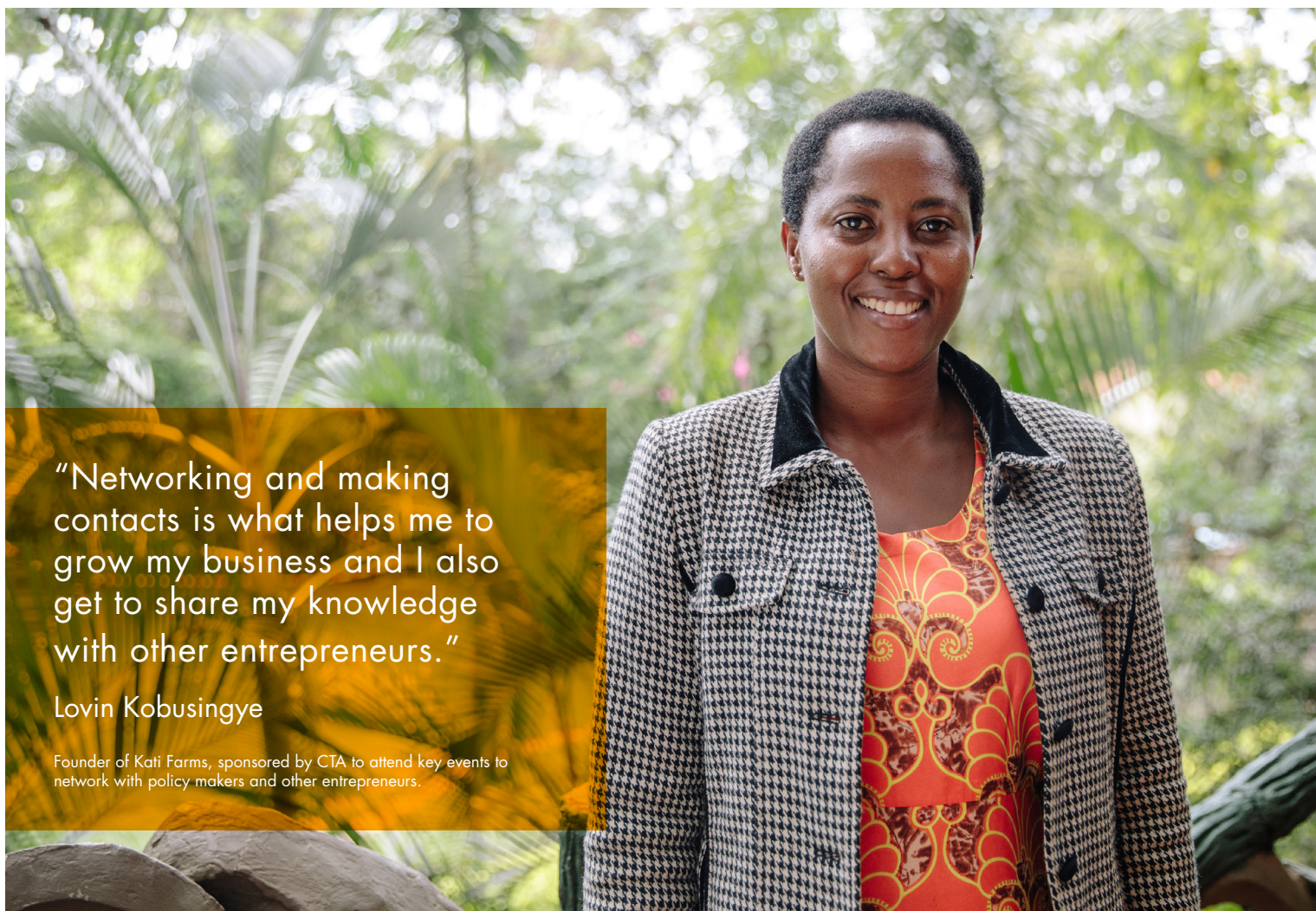
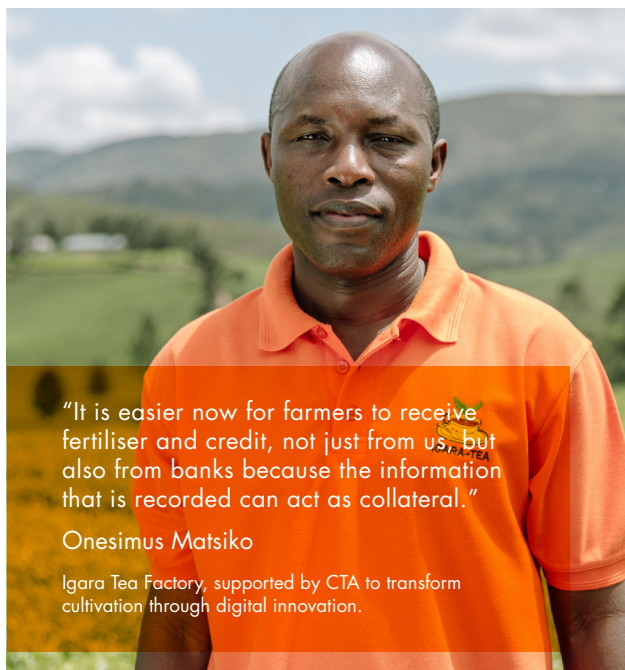
One million small-scale producers targeted to increase production, income and sustainable agricultural practices.

MOREOVER

Since 2007, over 6,000 attendees from 120 countries have been brought together at CTA's Brussels Briefings on key issues and challenges for rural development in the context of EU-ACP cooperation.

Since 2011, 19,000 participants have been sponsored by CTA to attend events for networking and knowledge sharing.







SDG1: No Poverty



SDG2: Zero Hunger



SDG5: Gender Equality



SDG8: Decent
Employment and
Economic Growth



SDG 13: Climate Action

Beyond 2020

CTA plays a crucial role in boosting farm productivity, building climate resilience and creating employment opportunities for rural youth and women through its unique projects and partnerships between individuals and organisations in both Europe and the ACP. With the Cotonou agreement coming to an end in February 2020, the progress that CTA has made to transform rural economies in the ACP is at stake. Now, more than ever, it is essential that CTA's work continues beyond 2020 to enable the organisation to keep scaling its impacts and avoid any relapse in the advances it has made towards achieving the SDGs.



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